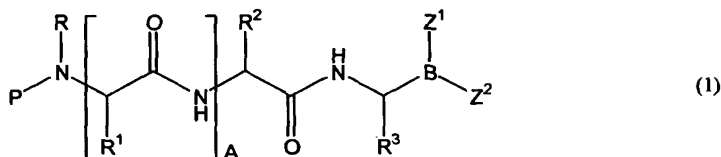


REMARKS

The Present Invention

The invention provides a compound of the formula (1):



in which Z^1 and Z^2 are moieties derived from sugar. The invention also provides a lyophilized compound of formula (1), a composition comprising the compound of formula (1), and a lyophilized cake comprising the compound of formula (1). The invention also provides a method for preparing such a compound.

The Pending Claims

Claims 1-5, 8-12, 14-21, 24-28, 30-38, 41-47, and 49-114 are pending. Claims 1-5, 8-12, 14-16, 80, and 88-90 are directed to the compound of formula (1). Claims 56-59, 81, and 91-93 are directed to a composition comprising the compound of formula (1). Claims 17-21, 24-28, 30-34, 82, and 94-96 are directed to the lyophilized compound of formula (1). Claims 60-63, 83, and 97-99 are directed to a composition comprising the lyophilized compound of formula (1), and claims 55, 64-66, 84, and 100-102 are directed to a lyophilized cake comprising the compound of formula (1). Claims 35-38, 41-47, 49-54, 67-71, 85, and 103-108 are directed to the method for preparing the compound of the invention, which can be part of a composition as recited in claims 72-75, 86, and 109-111, or a lyophilized cake as recited in claims 76-79, 87, and 112-114.

The Amendments to the Specification

The specification has been amended in a manner consistent with parent U.S. Patent Application No. 10/056,567. In particular, Paragraph [0001] has been amended to reflect the parentage of the subject patent application in the Cross Reference to Related Applications. Paragraphs [0043], [0049], [0072], [0078], [0100], and [0112] have been amended to correct typographical errors. With respect to paragraph [0049], "C₆-C₁₀ alkylsulfinyl, C₆-C₁₀ alkylsulfonyl" has been changed to "C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl," as supported by the instant specification at, for example, paragraph [0043]. Paragraph [0078] has been

amended to recite the IUPAC name of the referenced compound. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments.

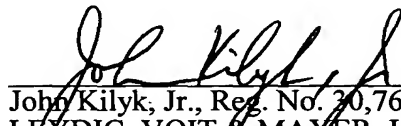
The Amendments to the Claims

Claims 6, 7, 13, 22, 23, 29, 39, 40, and 48 have been canceled to avoid redundancy with the pending claims of parent U.S. Patent Application No. 10/056,567. Claims 1, 12, 15-17, 21, 28, 31, 32, 35, 38, 45, 53, and 54 have been amended to correct typographical errors and avoid redundancies. In that respect, the amendment to claim 35 is supported by the specification at, for example, paragraphs [0027]-[0033] and [0102]-[0112]. Claims 56-114 are new. Claims 56-63, 67-75, 81, 83, 86, 91-93, 97-99, and 106-111 are supported by the specification at, for example, paragraphs [0100], [0112], [0136], [0137], and Example 3. Claims 64-66, 76-79, 84, 87, 100-102, and 112-114 are supported by original claim 55. Claims 80-87 are supported by the specification at, for example, paragraphs [0072]-[0086], [0125]-[0133], the Examples, and original claims 10, 12, 15, 16, 28, 31, 32, 45, 47, and 48. Claims 88-114 are supported by the specification at, for example, paragraphs [0041]-[0049], [0074], [0079]-[0086], [0125]-[0133], and the Examples. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments or claim additions.

Conclusion

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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